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In re the application of: Howard Benjamin *et al.*

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to a Target

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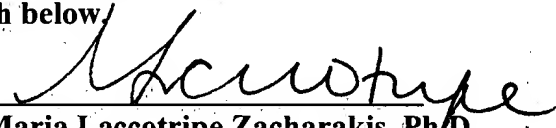
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 27, 2002 (Paper No. 7).

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-23 are, drawn to a method for identifying a compound that binds to a target, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

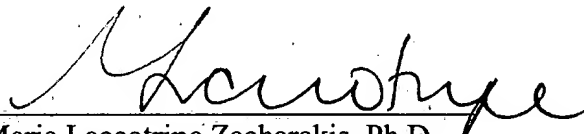
- II. Claims 24-28, drawn to a compound identified by the method of group I (product-by-process), classified in different class depending on the compound.
- III. Claims 29-34, drawn to a library comprising multiplicity of non-peptide compounds designed based on a peptide motif, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention (claims 1-23) for prosecution in this application *without traverse*. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Respectfully submitted,



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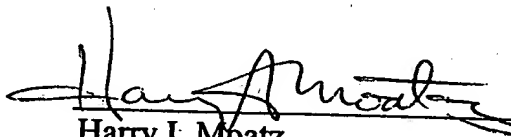
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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement;
2. Statement of Limited Recognition Under 37 CFR §10.9(b); and
3. Prepaid acknowledgment postcard.

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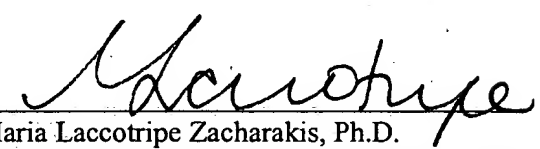
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